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Abstract—This paper addresses robust performance analysis problems of linear time-invariant (LTI) systems affected by real parametric uncertainties. These problems, known also as a special class of structured singular value computation problems, are inherently intractable (NP-hard problems). As such intensive research effort has been made to obtain computationally tractable and less conservative analysis conditions, where linear matrix inequality (LMI) plays an important role. Nevertheless, since LMI-based conditions are expected to be conservative in general, it is often the case that we cannot conclude anything if the LMI at hand turns out to be infeasible. This motivates us to consider the dual of the LMI and examine the structure of the dual solution. By pursuing this direction, in this paper, we provide rank conditions on the dual solution matrix under which we can conclude that the underlying robust performance is never attained. In particular, a set of uncertain parameters that violates the specified performance can be computed. These results come from block-moment matrix structure of the dual variable, which is consistent with the recent results on polynomial optimization. This particular structure enables us to make good use of simultaneous diagonalizability property of commuting diagonalizable matrices so that the sound rank conditions for the exactness verification can be obtained.

Index Terms—Block-Moment matrix structure, dual linear matrix inequalities (LMIs), exactness verification, robust performance analysis.

I. INTRODUCTION

ROBUSTNESS analysis of linear time-invariant (LTI) systems affected by real parametric uncertainties has been a challenging topic in the community of control theory. The general framework of μ theory [25] has been developed to deal with this problem, leading to sophisticated techniques based on scalings [23]. These studies clarified that those computationally efficient scaling-based approaches are conservative, except for some specific cases where the number of the uncertain parameters and their structures satisfy certain conditions. Indeed, it is now well-recognized that most of practical robustness analysis problems are NP-hard problems and hence computationally intractable.

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As the effectiveness of the linear matrix inequality (LMI) has been revealed for the analysis and synthesis of uncertainty-free systems [4], its robust counterpart, so called robust LMI [5], [11], [29]–[31], emerges as a powerful tool to deal with robustness issues. Since robustness analysis and synthesis problems enforce us to deal with transfer functions or state space equations affected by uncertainties, a natural problem formulation leads to robust LMIs, where the coefficient matrices depend on the uncertain parameters. In particular, intensive research effort has been made for robust LMIs with coefficient matrices depending rationally upon the uncertain parameters [18], [20], [28], which certainly capture whole variety of robustness analysis and synthesis problems.

When dealing with robust LMIs describing infinitely many constraints, the key issue is how to reduce them into numerically verifiable finitely many LMIs. This step to remove the semi-infinite constraints is called *relaxation* in the literature [15], [16], [29]–[32]. In the simplest case where the robust LMI involves only a single parameter, the celebrated Kalman-Yakubovich-Popov Lemma [27] enables us to derive a desired LMI in an exact fashion. In other cases, however, it is far from achievable to obtain LMIs with a priori certificate for the exactness [29]–[32]. This poses essential limitations on the robustness analysis of linear systems, since linear systems inherently involve a frequency parameter. It follows that we cannot expect exact LMIs even when the underlying robustness is against only a single uncertain parameter (unless it has the full complex structure as in the standard H_∞ norm computation [23]). Thus, the LMI resulting from relaxation is conservative in general. Therefore it is often the case that we cannot conclude anything directly if the LMI at hand turns out to be infeasible via numerical computation.

To cope with this difficult situation, a novel approach was proposed by Scherer [29]–[31]. The key idea is to take the “dual” of the “primal” LMI resulting from relaxation and examine the dual solution, which does exist if the primal LMI is infeasible. The result in [29], [30] is such that if the computed dual solution satisfies a certain condition, then we can conclude the existence of the worst case perturbation that violates the underlying robust LMI. Recall that, in nonlinear programming, it is surely a fundamental strategy to investigate the property of computed solutions and examine their optimality [3]. Scherer’s works realize this in an elegant fashion within the framework of robust LMIs.

In this paper, we pursue the direction related to but yet distinct from [29]–[31], inspired by the recent results on polynomial optimization [15], [22], [26] and positivity analysis of polynomial

matrices [8]. Namely, we certainly follow the basic strategy to obtain numerically verifiable LMI via relaxation and take its dual for the exactness verification. What makes the present approach novel is summarized as follows:

1) *Exactness Verification for Infinite-Dimensional Robust LMI Problems*: Robustness analysis problems of LTI systems affected by parametric uncertainties are naturally formulated as robust LMI problems involving parameter-dependent multipliers [7] (those multipliers are often understood in relation with the parameter-dependent and quadratic in the state Lyapunov functions). Namely, our robust LMIs are *infinite-dimensional* from the outset, since we have to seek for the desired multiplier over an infinite-dimensional function space. One of the standard idea to get around this difficulty is to obtain a finite-dimensional robust LMI by restricting the search of the multiplier to some finite-dimensional subspace. Due to this restriction, however, the infeasibility of the resulting finite-dimensional robust LMI does not necessarily imply the infeasibility of the original one. Thus, we surely need another effort, and in this paper we provide a novel methodology for the exactness verification dedicated to the infinite-dimensional robust LMI problems arising in robustness analysis of uncertain LTI systems.

2) *Modification of the (D, G) Scaling in Multiple Uncertain Parameter Cases*: This modification is technically trivial but yet of great importance in the present dual LMI approach. Namely, by deriving a primal LMI from a robust LMI via (D, G) scaling with proper modifications, we will show that the corresponding dual variable has a block-matrix structure that is consistent with the *moment matrix* in [16], [22]. In particular, this block-moment matrix structure enables us to derive a sound rank condition for the exactness verification. Our result ensures that, if the computed dual variable satisfies the suggested rank condition, then the underlying robust performance is never attained. More specifically, we can readily compute a set of uncertain parameters that violates the specified performance. The key idea to derive these results comes from simultaneous diagonalizability property of commuting diagonalizable matrices [17]. The block-moment matrix structure plays an essential role to make good use of this property.

As stated, the present results could be regarded as partial extension of those in [22] to polynomial matrix cases. Specific connections to these recent results on polynomial optimization via sum-of-squares (SOS) relaxation [15], [22], [26] as well as their matrix counterparts [16], [29]–[32] are concretely discussed in the latter part of the paper. Throughout the paper, particular emphasis is laid upon practical usefulness, and we will illustrate via extensive numerical experiments that the suggested rank conditions work effectively to detect the worst case perturbations and conclude the exactness.

We use the following notations in this paper. For a matrix $A \in \mathbf{R}^{n \times n}$, $\text{He}\{A\}$ is a shorthand notation for $A + A^T$, and $\lambda(A)$ denotes the set of the eigenvalues of A . For a matrix $B \in \mathbf{R}^{n \times m}$, B^\dagger stands for its Moore-Penrose generalized inverse [17], and $B^\perp \in \mathbf{R}^{(n-r) \times n}$ is a matrix such that $B^\perp B = 0$ and $B^\perp (B^\perp)^T > 0$ where $r := \text{rank}(B)$. The symbols \mathbf{S}_n , \mathbf{P}_n and \mathbf{Sk}_n denote the set of real symmetric, real positive-semidefinite and real skew-symmetric matrices of the size n , respectively. For $A \in \mathbf{S}_n$, we denote by $\lambda_k(A)$ ($k = 1, \dots, n$) the k -th

eigenvalue of A . Finally, for a matrix $A \in \mathbf{R}^{(n_1+n_2) \times (m_1+m_2)}$ with partition

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_{11} \in \mathbf{R}^{n_1 \times m_1}, \quad A_{22} \in \mathbf{R}^{n_2 \times m_2}$$

we define $[A]^{n_1} := [A_{11} \quad A_{12}]$ and $[A]_{n_2} := [A_{21} \quad A_{22}]$. In particular, if A is square and $n_i = m_i$ ($i = 1, 2$), we define $\langle A \rangle^{n_1} := A_{11}$ and $\langle A \rangle_{n_2} := A_{22}$.

II. PROBLEM FORMULATION AND FUNDAMENTAL RESULTS

A. Problem Formulation

Throughout the paper, we will consider the problem described below:

Problem: For given $\Theta \subset \mathbf{R}^L$ and a rational function $M(\theta) : \mathbf{R}^L \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^{n \times n}$, determine whether $\{\lambda(M(\theta)) \cap j\mathbf{R}\} = \phi$ holds for all $\theta \in \Theta$.

Obviously, this problem arises in robust stability analysis problems of continuous-time LTI systems affected by the uncertain parameter $\theta \in \Theta$. In fact, the scope of this problem formulation is quite broad and includes robust dissipation performance analysis, which can be seen using the idea of Hamiltonian eigenvalue tests [12], [35]. We note here that the above problem tacitly involves “frequency parameter s ,” since the condition $\{\lambda(M(\theta)) \cap j\mathbf{R}\} = \phi$ can be restated equivalently as $\det(sI - M(\theta)) \neq 0$ ($\forall s \in j\mathbf{R}$).

B. Fundamental Results

Our primary concern is to derive numerically verifiable conditions to provide yes/no answers to the aforementioned problem. To suggest the direction of our approach and explicate the underlying idea, in this subsection, let us consider a fairly simplified but still insightful problem described in the following:

Problem 1: For given $M_0, M_1 \in \mathbf{R}^{n \times n}$ and $\delta > 0$, determine whether $\{\lambda(M_0 + \theta M_1) \cap j\mathbf{R}\} = \phi$ holds for all $\theta \in \Theta_\delta := [-\delta, \delta]$.

In the case of robust stability analysis, the matrix M_0 is naturally assumed to be Hurwitz stable. Hence, via continuity arguments of the eigenvalues of $M_0 + \theta M_1$, Problem 1 can be reduced, with somewhat tricky transformations, into a numerically tractable generalized eigenvalue computation problem [2]. However, in robust performance analysis cases (ex., Hamiltonian eigenvalue tests), those computation methods [2] specialized to robust stability analysis cannot be applied. Thus, in contrast with its simple description, Problem 1 is still intractable.

To get around this difficulty, one of the promising way is to recast Problem 1 into a robust LMI problem [5], [11], [29]–[31]. Namely, it can be shown that $\{\lambda(M_0 + \theta M_1) \cap j\mathbf{R}\} = \phi$ ($\forall \theta \in \Theta_\delta$) holds if and only if there exists a matrix $P(\theta) : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{S}_n$ such that

$$\text{He}\{P(\theta)(M_0 + \theta M_1)\} \prec 0 \quad \forall \theta \in \Theta_\delta. \quad (1)$$

The matrix $P(\theta)$ is often called a *parameter-dependent multiplier* [7]. In this way, we can reformulate Problem 1 into an infinite-dimensional robust LMI problem.

It is known that, since Θ_δ is compact, $P(\theta)$ in (1) can be taken as a polynomial [6]. In particular, once we have restricted

our attention to the finite-degree polynomial approximation $P_N(\theta) := \sum_{i=0}^N \theta^i P_i$, the corresponding problem to (1) can be reduced to a finite-dimensional LMI problem via (D, G) scaling [21], [23]. However, the degree N that ensures exact analysis is not known in general, even though specific results have been obtained in robust stability analysis cases [14], [34]. In view of this fact, all we can do amounts to constructing numerically verifiable finite-dimensional LMI problems that are conservative in general (i.e., there is no a priori certificate for the exactness). Our approach is such that, when an LMI at hand turns out to be infeasible and we cannot conclude anything directly, we try to conclude “no” by detecting the worst case perturbation that violates the underlying performance criterion.

To explicate our basic approach, let us consider N -th degree polynomial approximation $P(\theta) = P_N(\theta)$ in (1) where N is an odd number. Then, via (D, G) scaling, we can reduce (1) into a finite-dimensional LMI problem described below:

Primal LMI Problem: Find $P_i \in \mathbf{S}_n$ ($i = 0, \dots, N$), $D \in \mathbf{P}_{(N+1)n/2}$ and $G \in \mathbf{Sk}_{(N+1)n/2}$ such that

$$\text{He} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} P_0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ P_1 & P_2 & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & P_3 & \ddots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & P_{N-1} \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & P_N \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} M_0 & M_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & M_0 & M_1 & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & M_0 & M_1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} + J_{n,N} \begin{bmatrix} \delta^2 D & G \\ G^T & -D \end{bmatrix} J_{n,N}^T \prec 0 \quad (2)$$

where $J_{n,N} := [\hat{J}_{n,N} \quad \check{J}_{n,N}] \in \mathbf{R}^{(N+3)n/2 \times (N+1)n}$ with $\hat{J}_{n,N} := [I_{(N+1)n/2} \quad 0_{(N+1)n/2, n}]^T$ and $\check{J}_{n,N} := [0_{(N+1)n/2, n} \quad I_{(N+1)n/2}]^T$. Our approach relies on its dual, which readily follows from the convex duality theory [1].

Dual LMI Problem: Find $\mathcal{H} \in \mathbf{S}_{(N+3)n/2} \setminus \{0\}$ such that

$$\mathcal{H} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{H}_0 & \mathcal{H}_1 & \cdots & \mathcal{H}_{(N+1)/2} \\ \mathcal{H}_1 & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \mathcal{H}_N \\ \mathcal{H}_{(N+1)/2} & \cdots & \mathcal{H}_N & \mathcal{H}_{N+1} \end{bmatrix} \succeq 0$$

$$\delta^2 \bar{\mathcal{H}} - \underline{\mathcal{H}} \succeq 0, \quad \bar{\mathcal{H}} := \langle \mathcal{H} \rangle^{(N+1)n/2}, \quad \underline{\mathcal{H}} := \langle \mathcal{H} \rangle_{(N+1)n/2}$$

$$\text{He}\{M_0 \mathcal{H}_j + M_1 \mathcal{H}_{j+1}\} = 0 \quad (j = 0, \dots, N). \quad (3)$$

As shown in (3), the dual problem involves LMIs and linear matrix equalities (LMEs) with respect to the dual variable \mathcal{H} , which has the *block-Hankel matrix structure*. Since the primal LMI (2) is strict, exactly one of the primal and dual LMI is feasible [1], [31]. This relation is referred to as strict alternative [1], and tacitly used in the sequel.

Having described the dual problem, we are now ready to state the first result in this paper. The following result forms an important basis of our study and motivates us to explore its further extensions as described in Sections III and IV.

Theorem 1:

- i) Suppose (3) is infeasible. Then, $\{\lambda(M_0 + \theta M_1) \cap j\mathbf{R}\} = \phi$ holds for all $\theta \in \Theta_\delta$.

- ii) Suppose (3) is feasible and has a solution \mathcal{H} . Then, if

$$\text{rank}(\bar{\mathcal{H}}) = \text{rank}(\mathcal{H}) \quad (4)$$

there exists $\theta_w \in \Theta_\delta$ such that $\{\lambda(M_0 + \theta_w M_1) \cap j\mathbf{R}\} \neq \phi$. More precisely, if we denote the full-rank factorization of \mathcal{H} by $\mathcal{H} = HH^T$ ($H \in \mathbf{R}^{(N+3)n/2 \times m}$) and define $\bar{H} := [H]^{(N+1)n/2}$, $\underline{H} := [H]_{(N+1)n/2}$ and $\Omega := \bar{H}^\dagger \underline{H}$, then $\Omega \in \mathbf{S}_m$ and $\lambda(\Omega) \subset \Theta_\delta$. In addition, we have $\{\lambda(M_0 + \lambda_k(\Omega) M_1) \cap j\mathbf{R}\} \neq \phi$ for all $k = 1, \dots, m$.

- iii) If there exists $\theta_w \in \Theta_\delta$, then there exists $\mathcal{H} \in \mathbf{S}_{(N+3)n/2} \setminus \{0\}$ such that (3) and (4) hold.

The result i) readily follows from strict alternative. It should be also elementary to see that iii) holds. Indeed, if $(M_0 + \theta_w M_1)h = 0$ holds for $\theta_w \in \Theta_\delta$ and $h \in \mathbf{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$, the conditions (3) and (4) are satisfied with $\mathcal{H} = HH^T$ where $H = [h^T \quad \theta_w h^T \quad \dots \quad \theta_w^{(N+1)/2} h^T]^T$. Similarly, if $(M_0 + \theta_w M_1)h = j\omega h$ holds for $\theta_w \in \Theta_\delta$, $\omega \in \mathbf{R} \setminus \{0\}$ and $h \in \mathbf{C}^n \setminus \{0\}$, the conditions are satisfied with $\mathcal{H} = HH^T$ where

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} \text{Re}(h) & \text{Im}(h) \\ \text{Re}(h)\theta_w & \text{Im}(h)\theta_w \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ \text{Re}(h)\theta_w^{(N+1)/2} & \text{Im}(h)\theta_w^{(N+1)/2} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Note that the above construction of \mathcal{H} provides an alternative proof for i).

The importance of the theorem lies in the result ii), where we have given a rank condition on the dual variable \mathcal{H} under which the existence of the worst case perturbation is ensured. In particular, the worst case perturbation can be obtained by simply constructing Ω from \mathcal{H} and computing its eigenvalues. Thus, in contrast with the standard approach based on the primal LMI, we can ensure the existence of the worst case perturbation. From extensive numerical experiments, we can confirm that the suggested rank condition surely works effectively to detect the worst case perturbation and conclude the exactness of the analysis results. See Section II-C for illustration.

To prove the result ii), and to extend Theorem 1 to rational-dependence and/or multiple uncertain parameter cases in Sections III and IV, the notion of simultaneous diagonalizability of a commuting diagonalizable matrix family plays a crucial role. The definition and related results are reviewed.

Definition 1: [17] A family $\mathbf{M} \subset \mathbf{C}^{n \times n}$ of matrices is an arbitrary (finite or infinite) set of matrices, and a *commuting family* is one in which each pair in the set commutes under multiplication. A *simultaneously diagonalizable family* is one for which there is a single nonsingular matrix $U \in \mathbf{C}^{n \times n}$ such that $U^{-1}AU$ is diagonal for every $A \in \mathbf{M}$.

Lemma 1: [17] Let \mathbf{M} be a family of diagonalizable matrices. Then \mathbf{M} is a commuting family if and only if it is a simultaneously diagonalizable family.

In addition to Lemma 1, the next two lemmas play important roles. These results are closely related to and strongly inspired from that of [19], [23], [27]. The proofs are given in Appendix section.

Lemma 2: For given $F, G \in \mathbf{R}^{n \times m}$, the following two statements are equivalent:

- i) $GG^T \preceq FF^T$ and $FG^T = GF^T$.
- ii) There exists $\Omega \in \mathbf{S}_m$ with $\|\Omega\| \leq 1$ such that $G = F\Omega$.

Lemma 3: For given $F, G \in \mathbf{R}^{n \times m}$ with F being full-column rank, the following two statements are equivalent:

- i) $FG^T + GF^T = 0$.
- ii) There exists $\Gamma \in \mathbf{S}_k$ such that $G = F\Gamma$.

We are now ready to prove ii) in Theorem 1. We note that the proof relies on the particular block-Hankel matrix structure of \mathcal{H} in (3).

Proof of ii) in Theorem 1: First of all, we note from the block-Hankel matrix structure of \mathcal{H} in (3) that the matrices \bar{H} and \underline{H} satisfy $\underline{H} \underline{H}^T \preceq \delta^2 \bar{H} \bar{H}^T$ and $\bar{H} \underline{H}^T = \underline{H} \bar{H}^T$. Hence, from Lemma 2, there exists $\Omega \in \mathbf{S}_m$ with $\|\Omega\| \leq \delta$ such that $\underline{H} = \bar{H}\Omega$. This implies that the matrix $H \in \mathbf{R}^{(N+3)n/2 \times m}$ can be written in the form of $H = [H_0^T \ \Omega H_0^T \ \dots \ \Omega^{(N+1)/2} H_0^T]^T$ ($H_0 \in \mathbf{R}^{n \times m}$). In addition, careful inspection on the last $N+1$ equalities in (3) yields

$$\text{He} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} M_0 H_0 + M_1 H_0 \Omega \\ \vdots \\ (M_0 H_0 + M_1 H_0 \Omega) \Omega^{(N-1)/2} \end{bmatrix} \Omega^k \times \begin{bmatrix} H_0 \\ \vdots \\ H_0 \Omega^{(N-1)/2} \end{bmatrix}^T \right\} = 0 \quad (k = 0, 1). \quad (5)$$

Since we see from (4) that $\bar{H} = [H_0^T \ \dots \ \Omega^{(N-1)/2} H_0^T]^T$ is of full-column rank, the above two equalities and Lemma 3 ensure the existence of $\Gamma, \Gamma_1 \in \mathbf{S}_k$ such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} M_0 H_0 + M_1 H_0 \Omega \\ \vdots \\ (M_0 H_0 + M_1 H_0 \Omega) \Omega^{(N-1)/2} \end{bmatrix} = \bar{H} \Gamma \quad (6)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} M_0 H_0 + M_1 H_0 \Omega \\ \vdots \\ (M_0 H_0 + M_1 H_0 \Omega) \Omega^{(N-1)/2} \end{bmatrix} \Omega = \bar{H} \Gamma_1. \quad (7)$$

Thus, $\bar{H} \Gamma \Omega = \bar{H} \Gamma_1$ is satisfied. Again, since \bar{H} is full-column rank, we have $\Gamma \Omega = \Gamma_1$, which implies $\Gamma \Omega = \Omega \Gamma$. Namely, the family $\{\Gamma, \Omega\}$ is a commuting family. In addition, since $\Gamma \in \mathbf{S}_k$ and $\Omega \in \mathbf{S}_m$ are both normal matrices and hence unitary diagonalizable, Lemma 1 ensures that they share common eigenvectors $u_k \in \mathbf{C}^m$ ($k = 1, \dots, m$) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma u_k &= \lambda_{\Gamma, k} u_k & \lambda_{\Gamma, k} &\in j\mathbf{R} \\ \Omega u_k &= \lambda_k(\Omega) u_k & \lambda_k(\Omega) &\in \Theta_\delta. \end{aligned}$$

To complete the proof, let us multiply the common eigenvector u_k to the equality of the first row in (6) from right, which yields

$$(M_0 + \lambda_k(\Omega) M_1) x_k = \lambda_{\Gamma, k} x_k \\ x_k := H_0 u_k \in \mathbf{C}^n \quad (k = 1, \dots, m). \quad (8)$$

It should be noted that $x_k \neq 0$ ($k = 1, \dots, m$) since $\bar{H} = [H_0^T \ \dots \ \Omega^{(N-1)/2} H_0^T]^T$ is full-column rank. The (8) clearly indicates that the assertions in ii) hold. ■

In the preceding studies for the exactness verifications of LMI relaxations, so called rank-one exactness principle is derived (see related discussions in [13], [30] and references therein). In our context, this requires $\text{rank}(\mathcal{H}) = 1$. It is obvious that if $\text{rank}(\mathcal{H}) = 1$, then $\text{rank}(\bar{\mathcal{H}}) = \text{rank}(\mathcal{H}) = 1$ and thus (4) is automatically satisfied. Namely, the suggested rank-condition is more general than the rank-one principle, and this generalization is quite important to detect the worst case perturbation as shown in Section II-C.

It is meaningful to examine the mutual connections among the solutions of (3) for different degree N . In particular, it is preferable if the required rank-condition becomes more likely to be satisfied by increasing the degree N . This is indeed the case, and for its formal statement, we define the following map for given odd number N :

$$\mathcal{H}_H^N : \mathbf{R}^{n \times \hat{m}} \times \mathbf{S}_{\hat{m}} \rightarrow \mathbf{S}_{(N+3)n/2} \\ \mathcal{H}_H^N(H_0, \Omega) = \begin{bmatrix} H_0 \\ \vdots \\ H_0 \Omega^{(N+1)/2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} H_0 \\ \vdots \\ H_0 \Omega^{(N+1)/2} \end{bmatrix}^T.$$

Then, from the proof of Theorem 1, we see that the next result holds.

Corollary 1: For every \mathcal{H} satisfying (3), there exist $H_0 \in \mathbf{R}^{n \times \hat{m}}$ and $\Omega \in \mathbf{S}_{\hat{m}}$ such that $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_H^N(H_0, \Omega)$.

With this result in mind, we state the next theorem. The proof is given in Appendix section.

Theorem 2: For given positive odd numbers N_1, N_2 with $N_1 \leq N_2$, $H_0 \in \mathbf{R}^{n \times \hat{m}}$ and $\Omega \in \mathbf{S}_{\hat{m}}$, if $\mathcal{H}_H^{N_2}(H_0, \Omega)$ satisfies (3) for $N = N_2$, then $\mathcal{H}_H^{N_1}(H_0, \Omega)$ satisfies (3) for $N = N_1$. Conversely, if $\mathcal{H}_H^{N_1}(H_0, \Omega)$ satisfies (3) and (4) for $N = N_1$, then $\mathcal{H}_H^{N_2}(H_0, \Omega)$ satisfies (3) and (4) for $N = N_2$.

This theorem clearly shows that the higher-degree polynomial multiplier appropriately restricts the dual solution while loosens the rank condition for the exactness verification so that, if the dual solution exists, the worst case perturbation detection can be highly expected. We illustrate this through numerical experiments.

Before proceeding to numerical experiments, we briefly discuss how the rank condition varies when we employ a polynomial multiplier of *even degree* N_e . In this case, the corresponding dual problem becomes (3) for $N = N_e + 1$ with the last $N_e + 2$ equalities replaced by $N_e + 1$ equalities $\text{He}\{M_0 \mathcal{H}_j + M_1 \mathcal{H}_{j+1}\} = 0$ ($j = 0, \dots, N_e$). Unfortunately, this does not allow us to ensure (5) for $k = 1$ and hence the rank condition for the exactness verification degenerates into

$$\text{rank}(\langle \mathcal{H} \rangle^{N_e n/2}) = \text{rank}(\mathcal{H}). \quad (9)$$

It follows that if $\mathcal{H} \in \mathbf{S}_{(N_e+4)n/2}$ is a solution of the dual problem for the N_e -th degree multiplier and satisfies the rank condition (9), then the matrix $\langle \mathcal{H} \rangle^{(N_e+2)n/2}$ also satisfies (3) and (4) for $N = N_e - 1$. In other phrase, even if we increase the degree from $N_e - 1$ to N_e , we cannot theoretically go beyond the exactness verification test in the case of $(N_e - 1)$ -th degree multiplier. This rather unexpected result stems from the (D, G) scaling where the size of the dual LMI grows when we increase the degree from $N_e - 1$ to N_e while remains the same when we increase from N_e to $N_e + 1$. For this technical reason, we stated the results only for the case of odd degree polynomial

multipliers. Note however that, in practical numerical computation, it is often observed that the matrix \mathcal{H} obtained by solving the dual problem for the N_e -th degree surely satisfies the desired rank condition, even for those problems where the rank condition fails when we solve the dual problem for the $(N_e - 1)$ -th degree. See the numerical experiments discussed in II-C2 for illustration.

C. Numerical Experiments

1) *Randomly Generated Matrix Pairs:* To examine how the suggested rank-condition works effectively to detect the worst case perturbation in practice, we first solve (3) for randomly generated 100 matrix pairs $M_0, M_1 \in \mathbf{R}^{5 \times 5}$ with $N = 1$ and $\delta = 1$. We generate M_0 and M_1 by using MATLAB command `rand` so that all of their elements lie on $[-1, 1]^1$. It turns out that in 90 cases out of 100 cases, (3) is feasible and among them, in 57 cases, the rank-condition (4) is satisfied. The average CPU time to determine feasibility/infeasibility was 0.24 [sec].

For example, for the matrices

$$M_0 = \begin{bmatrix} -0.4 & 0.7 & -0.8 & 0.2 & -0.4 \\ -0.6 & 0.1 & 0.3 & 0.0 & 0.4 \\ 0.2 & -0.2 & 0.4 & -0.7 & -0.6 \\ -0.3 & 0.1 & 0.2 & 0.3 & 0.0 \\ 0.0 & 0.2 & 0.0 & 0.8 & 0.8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -0.1 & 0.1 & 0.5 & -0.3 & 0.4 \\ 0.5 & -0.1 & 0.2 & -0.2 & 0.6 \\ -0.3 & 0.4 & -0.1 & -0.6 & 0.2 \\ -0.1 & -0.3 & -0.5 & -0.4 & 0.1 \\ 0.1 & 0.9 & 0.2 & 0.0 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix} \quad (10)$$

the matrix \mathcal{H} resulting from (3) is numerically verified to satisfy $\text{rank}(\mathcal{H}_0) = \text{rank}(\mathcal{H}) = 4$ (via singular value decomposition). The matrix $\Omega = H_0^\dagger H_1$ is

$$\Omega = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5543 & 0.0654 & -0.2867 & 0.1438 \\ 0.0654 & -0.1943 & -0.0423 & -0.0227 \\ -0.2867 & -0.0423 & -0.1175 & -0.0328 \\ 0.1438 & -0.0227 & -0.0328 & -0.1695 \end{bmatrix}$$

where $\lambda(\Omega) = \{0.6908, -0.1529, -0.2324, -0.2324\}$. We can confirm that $\{\lambda(M_0 + \lambda_k(\Omega)M_1) \cap j\mathbf{R}\} \neq \emptyset$ surely holds for all $k = 1, \dots, 4$.

We should say that the above results are not satisfactory since we cannot conclude anything in the rest 33 cases. To make the rank-condition more likely to be satisfied, we next apply the following well-known heuristic [15]:

$$\text{minimize } \text{trace}(\mathcal{H}) \text{ subject to (3) and } \text{trace}(\mathcal{H}_0) = 1. \quad (11)$$

With this trace minimization, the rank of \mathcal{H} tends to be reduced and thus we can expect that the suggested rank-condition becomes more likely to be satisfied. Indeed, by solving (11) for the same 100 matrix pairs with $N = 1$, it turned out that in 85 cases out of the feasible 90 cases the rank condition (4) is satisfied. The average CPU time was 0.23 [sec]. Moreover, if we let $N = 3$, the rank condition (4) is satisfied for all 90 feasible cases. Computational burden is still moderate and the average CPU time was 0.32 [sec].

¹In this paper, all LMI-related computation was carried out with SeDuMi [33] and MATLAB R2006a, on PC with CPU Pentium IV 3.6 GHz.

Next, let us consider the following problem:

$$\text{compute } \delta_{\max} := \max \delta \text{ such that } \{\lambda(M_0 + \theta M_1) \cap j\mathbf{R}\} = \emptyset \quad \forall \theta \in (-\delta, \delta). \quad (12)$$

In robust stability/performance analysis, we are typically required to compute stability/performance margins, and the problem setting (12) conforms to this requirement. To solve (12) for the same 100 matrix pairs as above, we carried out a bisection search over δ in (11) with $N = 1$. At the minimal value of δ for which the existence of \mathcal{H} is ensured, we examined whether the rank condition (4) is satisfied. Then, in 72 cases $\text{rank}(\mathcal{H}_0) = \text{rank}(\mathcal{H}) = 1$ holds while in the rest 28 cases, $\text{rank}(\mathcal{H}_0) = \text{rank}(\mathcal{H}) = 2$. Namely, in every case, we can ensure the exactness of the computed margins even with $N = 1$. In particular, in the former case, one of the eigenvalues of $M_0 + \theta M_1$ becomes zero at $\theta = \Omega \in \mathbf{R}$. On the other hand, in the latter case, $\Omega \in \mathbf{R}^{2 \times 2}$ is given of the form $\Omega = \theta_w I_2$ ($\theta_w \in \mathbf{R}$) and two of the eigenvalues of $M_0 + \theta M_1$ that form a complex conjugate pair go across $j\mathbf{R} \setminus \{0\}$ at $\theta = \theta_w$.

2) *Robust Stability Analysis:* Let us consider the problem (12) for the following matrix pair discussed in [10]:

$$M_0 = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 2 & -2 \\ 5 & -6 & 1 \\ -2 & 2 & -7 \end{bmatrix}, \quad M_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & -3 & -13 \\ -5 & 0 & 0 \\ 10 & 13 & 16 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (13)$$

Here, the matrix M_0 is Hurwitz stable. To solve this problem, we first carried out a bisection search over δ in (11) with $N = 1$, which terminated at $\delta_1 = 0.8026$. However, the resulting \mathcal{H} does not satisfy (4) and thus we can conclude nothing. With this in mind, we next let $N = 3$. Then, we confirmed that the bisection search terminates at $\delta = 1.1059$ with $\text{rank}(\mathcal{H}) = \text{rank}(\mathcal{H}_0) = 1$, which ensures the exactness of the computed stability margin. Exactly the same result was obtained even when we consider the dual problem corresponding to $N = 2$.

Since M_0 is Hurwitz stable in this case, we can also apply the method in [2] to compute δ_{\max} exactly, which turns out to be 1.1059. In addition, it was shown rigorously in [10] that for the exact stability margin computation, the degree of the multiplier needs to be at least two. The present results are surely consistent with these preceding results.

3) *Robust H_∞ Performance Analysis:* Let us consider the linear system described by

$$G(s) = \frac{\omega_1^2 \omega_2^2}{(s^2 + 2\zeta_1 \omega_1 s + \omega_1^2)(s^2 + 2\zeta_2 \omega_2 s + \omega_2^2)} \quad (14)$$

where $\zeta_1 = 0.2$, $\omega_1 = 1.0$, $\zeta_2 = 1.0$ and $\omega_2 = 3.0$. The H_∞ norm of $G(s)$ is $\|G\|_\infty = 2.3167$. Here we consider the H_∞ performance margin analysis problem with respect to a perturbation on ζ_2 . To this end, let us denote by $G_\theta(s)$ the system obtained by replacing ζ_2 in $G(s)$ by $\zeta_2(1 + \theta)$. Then, for given $\gamma (> 2.3167)$, the problem here is to compute $\delta_{\max} := \max \delta$ such that $\|G_\theta\|_\infty < \gamma$ holds for all $\theta \in (-\delta, \delta)$.

It should be noted that the controllability canonical realization of $G_\theta(s)$ can be written in the form of $G_\theta(s) = \{A_0 + \theta A_1, B, C, 0\}$ ($A_0, A_1 \in \mathbf{R}^{4 \times 4}$). Thus, by using the idea of Hamiltonian eigenvalue tests [12], [35], the present robust H_∞

TABLE I
ROBUST H_∞ PERFORMANCE MARGIN ANALYSIS

γ	δ_{\max}	θ_w	ω_w	$\ G_{\theta_w}\ _\infty$
3.0	0.2104	-0.2104	0.7506	3.0000
4.0	0.3889	-0.3889	0.5803	4.0000
5.0	0.4960	-0.4960	0.4781	5.0000
6.0	0.5675	-0.5675	0.4100	6.0000
7.0	0.6185	-0.6185	0.3614	6.9999

performance analysis problem reduces to Problem 1 where

$$M_0 = \begin{bmatrix} A_0 & \frac{BB^T}{\gamma^2} \\ -C^T C & -A_0^T \end{bmatrix}, \quad M_1 = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & 0 \\ 0 & -A_1^T \end{bmatrix}.$$

By means of this problem transformation, we solved (11) for $\gamma \in \{3.0, 4.0, 5.0, 6.0, 7.0\}$ by letting $N = 3$. More precisely, we carried out a bisection search over δ in (11) to detect δ_{\max} for each γ . Then, for every tested γ , the condition $\text{rank}(\mathcal{H}_0) = \text{rank}(\mathcal{H}) = 2$ is satisfied at the minimal value of δ . The resulting Ω is given of the form $\Omega = \theta_w I_2$. In Table I, we show the computed performance margin δ_{\max} , the worst case perturbation θ_w and $\|G_{\theta_w}\|_\infty$. We also show the worst case angular frequency ω_w satisfying $\|G_{\theta_w}(j\omega_w)\| = \|G_{\theta_w}\|_\infty$, which can readily be obtained by constructing Γ from (6) and computing its eigenvalues. In this way, we have achieved exact analysis in the case where $N = 3$. We also confirmed that, even in the case where $N = 1$, exactly the same results can be obtained except for $\gamma = 3.0$.

D. Connections to Polynomial Matrix Inequality Formulation and Known Exactness Verification Tests

Since a matrix $A \in \mathbf{R}^{n \times n}$ satisfies $\{\lambda(A) \cap j\mathbf{R}\} \neq \emptyset$ if and only if there exists $X \in \mathbf{P}_n \setminus \{0\}$ such that $\text{He}\{AX\} = 0$, it is also possible to formulate Problem 1 as a *polynomial matrix inequality* (PMI) problem given in the following:

$$\text{Find } \mathcal{H}_0 \in \mathbf{P}_n \setminus \{0\} \text{ and } \theta \in \Theta_\delta \text{ such that} \\ \text{He}\{(M_0 + \theta M_1)\mathcal{H}_0\} = 0. \quad (15)$$

We note that general PMI problems are thoroughly investigated in [16], where a hierarchy of LMI relaxations with the theoretical guarantee of convergence is suggested. Since (15) involves \mathcal{H}_0 with $N_s := n(n+1)/2$ scalar variables, however, it is impracticable to apply the method in [16] directly to (15). To illustrate this point, let us consider again the 100 problem instances discussed in II-C1 where $n = 5$. Following [16], we carried out the first LMI relaxation for (15) and solved an LMI with respect to the moment matrix variable \mathcal{M}_1 , which is symmetric of the size $2+N_s = 17$. Then, it turned out that $\text{rank}(\mathcal{M}_1) = 1$ in one case and $\text{rank}(\mathcal{M}_1) = 2$ in the rest 99 cases, which implies that we can detect the worst case perturbation only for one problem instance. The average CPU time was 0.42 [sec]. To obtain more satisfactory results, we are lead to apply the second LMI relaxation. However, its computational burden becomes prohibitive since we need to deal with the moment matrix \mathcal{M}_2 of the size $(N_s + 3)(N_s + 2)/2 = 153$.

It is clear that (3) gives another LMI relaxation for the PMI (15). Similarly to [16], the computational burden associated with (3) of course grows up if we increase N but its growth is rather moderate. In particular, in all tested numerical experiments, we can successfully detect the worst case perturbation under small N , say, $N = 1, 2$ or 3.

Once we have revealed that (3) is an LMI relaxation for (15), it is obvious that another exactness verification test for (3), which goes beyond the rank-one exactness principle, can be given as follows: $\exists \theta \in \Theta_\delta$ such that $\mathcal{H}_i = \theta^i \mathcal{H}_0$ ($i = 1, \dots, N+1$). This can be restated equivalently as a linear problem of the form

$$\exists \theta \in \Theta_\delta \text{ such that } [I_{(N+1)n/2} \quad \theta I_{(N+1)n/2}] J_{n,N}^T \mathcal{H} = 0. \quad (16)$$

In [30], [31], an exactness verification test for completely general robust LMI problems is suggested and it does apply to (3). Even though the discussion in [30], [31] does not clearly mention the structural property of dual solutions, we can confirm that the exactness verification test to (3), in the spirit of [30], [31], can be given as (16). Obviously, if (16) holds then (4) holds. It follows that we have given a more general exactness verification test dedicated to the robustness analysis of linear systems. This generalization is surely meaningful, and we have already observed the effectiveness of (4) over (16) in II-C1 (ex., for (10), the condition (16) fails whereas (4) does hold).

To summarize this section, we confirmed that the exactness verification test in Theorem 1 in conjunction with the trace-minimization heuristic and bisection search works effectively in practice. The discussion above also supports the validity of our approach in comparison with the existing studies. These observations strongly motivate us to further extend the results in Theorem 1. The following question naturally arises: is it possible to obtain consistent results when $M(\theta)$ depends affinely or rationally on multiple uncertain parameter $\theta \in \Theta_\delta^L := [-\delta, \delta]^L$?

It turns out from subsequent discussions that we can provide an affirmative answer to this question. More specifically, we reveal that the form of the rank-condition for the exactness verification varies according to the structure of $M(\theta)$ and the number of uncertain parameters. This unfortunately prevents us from constructing a unified treatment. Therefore we tackle each case separately in the sequel.

III. RATIONAL PARAMETER-DEPENDENCE ON SINGLE UNCERTAIN PARAMETER

Let us consider a rational function $M(\theta) : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^{n \times n}$ without pole at zero. This implies that $M(\theta)$ admits the linear fractional transformation (LFT) representation of the form

$$M(\theta) = M_{11} + M_{12}(I_l - \theta M_{22})^{-1} \theta M_{21}.$$

The problem we posed here is to determine whether $I - \theta M_{22}$ is nonsingular (i.e., the LFT is *well-posed*) and $\{\lambda(M(\theta)) \cap j\mathbf{R}\} = \emptyset$ holds for all $\theta \in \Theta_\delta$.

Since Θ_δ is compact, we see from the idea of LMI dilation [9] that the above two requirements hold if and only if there exists $P(\theta) : \Theta_\delta \rightarrow \mathbf{S}_n$, which can be taken as a polynomial [6], such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{He}\{P(\theta)M_{11}\} & -P(\theta)M_{12} \\ -M_{12}^T P(\theta) & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ - \begin{bmatrix} M_{21}^T \theta \\ I_l - M_{22}^T \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} M_{21} \theta \\ I_l - M_{22} \theta \end{bmatrix}^T \prec 0 \quad \forall \theta \in \Theta_\delta. \quad (17)$$

This auxiliary step to derive (17) from the standard $\text{He}\{P(\theta)M(\theta)\} \prec 0$ is crucial, which enables us to deal with the two independent requirements in a unified fashion

(rather than *assuming* the well-posedness as usual). In addition, the above problem reformulation allows us to decide the degree of the left-hand side of (17) depending solely upon the degree of $P(\theta)$, irrespectively of the form of the rational function $M(\theta)$. Similar observation can be found in [30], where the full-block \mathcal{S} -procedure [18], [20], [28] plays a key role.

Once we have obtained (17), it is straightforward to derive numerically verifiable (but conservative in general) finite-dimensional LMIs by restricting $P(\theta)$ to be a polynomial of finite degree. In particular, by taking the dual of the LMI resulting from (D, G) scaling, the next result follows. Here we only state the results corresponding to the multipliers of odd degree for the same reasons as before.

Theorem 3: For given positive odd number N , let us consider the following LMI-LME condition with respect to $\mathcal{H} \in \mathbf{S}_{(N+3)(n+l)/2}$ that has the block-Hankel matrix structure: Find $\mathcal{H} \in \mathbf{S}_{(N+3)(n+l)/2} \setminus \{0\}$ such that

$$\mathcal{H} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{H}_0 & \mathcal{H}_1 & \cdots & \mathcal{H}_{(N+1)/2} \\ \mathcal{H}_1 & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \mathcal{H}_N \\ \mathcal{H}_{(N+1)/2} & \cdots & \mathcal{H}_N & \mathcal{H}_{N+1} \end{bmatrix} \succeq 0$$

$$\delta^2 \overline{\mathcal{H}} - \underline{\mathcal{H}} \succeq 0$$

$$\overline{\mathcal{H}} := \langle \mathcal{H} \rangle^{(N+1)(n+l)/2}, \quad \underline{\mathcal{H}} := \langle \mathcal{H} \rangle_{(N+1)(n+l)/2}$$

$$\text{He}\{[M_{11} - M_{12}]\mathcal{H}_j [I_n \ 0_{n,l}]^T\} = 0 \ (j = 0, \dots, N)$$

$$\mathcal{W} \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{H}_0 & \mathcal{H}_1 \\ \mathcal{H}_1 & \mathcal{H}_2 \end{bmatrix} \mathcal{W}^T = 0$$

$$\mathcal{W} := [0_{l,n} \ I_l \ M_{21} \ -M_{22}]. \quad (18)$$

- i) Suppose (18) is infeasible. Then, $I - \theta M_{22}$ is nonsingular and $\{\lambda(M(\theta)) \cap j\mathbf{R}\} = \phi$ holds for all $\theta \in \Theta_\delta$.
- ii) Suppose (18) is feasible and has a solution \mathcal{H} . Then, if

$$\text{rank}(V_N \overline{\mathcal{H}} V_N^T) = \text{rank}(\mathcal{H})$$

$$V_N := I_{(N+1)/2} \otimes [I_n \ 0_{n,l}] \quad (19)$$

there exists $\theta_w \in \Theta_\delta$ such that $\det(I - \theta_w M_{22}) = 0$ or otherwise $\{\lambda(M(\theta_w)) \cap j\mathbf{R}\} \neq \phi$. More precisely, if we denote the full-rank factorization of \mathcal{H} by $\mathcal{H} = HH^T$ ($H \in \mathbf{R}^{(N+3)(n+l)/2 \times m}$) and define $\overline{H} := [H]^{(N+1)(n+l)/2}$, $\underline{H} := [H]_{(N+1)(n+l)/2}$ and $\Omega := (V_N \overline{H})^\dagger V_N \underline{H}$, then $\Omega \in \mathbf{S}_m$ and $\lambda(\Omega) \subset \Theta_\delta$. In addition, we have $\det(I - \lambda_k(\Omega) M_{22}) = 0$ or otherwise $\{\lambda(M(\lambda_k(\Omega))) \cap j\mathbf{R}\} \neq \phi$ for all $k = 1, \dots, m$.

- iii) If there exists $\theta_w \in \Theta_\delta$, then there exists $\mathcal{H} \in \mathbf{S}_{(N+3)(n+l)/2} \setminus \{0\}$ such that (18) and (19) hold.

Proof: See Appendix section. ■

In addition to the assertions i), ii), and iii) in the above theorem, we can clarify mutual connections among the solutions of (18) for different degree N as in the case of affine parameter dependence. It is also straightforward to verify that the rank condition (19) becomes more likely to be satisfied by increasing N . We omit the detailed discussions around these points, and move on to the comparison among Theorems 1 and 3.

We note that the required rank condition (19) in Theorem 3 is slightly different from (4). Namely, the size of the matrix $V_N \overline{\mathcal{H}} V_N^T$ involved in the rank condition is $(N+1)n/2$ and reduced from that of $\overline{\mathcal{H}}$ by $(N+1)l/2$. This stems from the LMI dilation where we dilate the original robust LMI of the size n to

$n+l$ so that the difficulty arising from rational parameter dependence can be circumvented. It follows that we cannot conclude the exactness if we only have $\text{rank}(\overline{\mathcal{H}}) = \text{rank}(\mathcal{H})$. However, we emphasize that this rank condition still works effectively to detect the worst case perturbations. A salient feature is that, if this rank condition holds, then the matrix $\Omega \in \mathbf{S}_m$ satisfying $\underline{H} = \overline{H}\Omega$ is *uniquely* determined by $\Omega = \overline{H}^\dagger \underline{H}$. This leads us to the next theorem that provides a more general exactness verification test than (19).

Theorem 4: Suppose (18) is feasible and has a solution \mathcal{H} satisfying $\text{rank}(\overline{\mathcal{H}}) = \text{rank}(\mathcal{H}) = m$. Let us denote the full-rank factorization of \mathcal{H} by $\mathcal{H} = HH^T$ and define \overline{H} and \underline{H} as in Theorem 3. Then, if there exists $\Gamma \in \mathbf{S}_{k_m}$ such that

$$[M_{11} \ M_{12}] [H]^{n+l} = [H]^n \Gamma$$

$$\Gamma \Omega = \Omega \Gamma, \quad \Omega := \overline{H}^\dagger \underline{H} \in \mathbf{S}_m \quad (20)$$

this Ω satisfies exactly the same assertions in ii) of Theorem 3.

Proof: See Appendix section. ■

It is obvious that if the rank condition (19) holds, then the condition $\text{rank}(\overline{\mathcal{H}}) = \text{rank}(\mathcal{H})$ in Theorem 4 is automatically satisfied. Moreover, from the proof of Theorems 3 and 4, we see that (19) provides a sufficient condition to ensure the existence of $\Gamma \in \mathbf{S}_{k_m}$ satisfying (20). It follows that the exactness verification test in Theorem 4 is surely more general than that of Theorem 3. We stress that the problem to find $\Gamma \in \mathbf{S}_{k_m}$ satisfying (20) is a *linear* problem and thus can be solved efficiently.

By carrying out extensive numerical experiments, we can confirm that these two theorems work effectively in practice. Even for those problem instances where Theorem 3 fails, it is still possible to conclude the exactness and extract the worst case perturbations by means of Theorem 4 (see related illustrative examples in Section IV-B).

IV. MULTIPLE UNCERTAIN PARAMETER CASES

Based on the preceding detailed analysis on the single uncertain parameter cases, we now move on to the analysis of multiple uncertain parameter cases. It turns out that the role of simultaneous diagonalizability property of commuting diagonalizable matrix family becomes more crucial when dealing with multiple uncertain parameters.

A. Affine Parameter-Dependence

For given $M_i \in \mathbf{R}^{n \times n}$ ($i = 0, \dots, L$), let us define $M_a(\theta) : \mathbf{R}^L \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^{n \times n}$ by $M_a(\theta) := M_0 + \sum_{i=1}^L \theta_i M_i$. This subsection evolves around the following problem:

Problem 2: For given $M_i \in \mathbf{R}^{n \times n}$ ($i = 0, \dots, L$) and $\delta > 0$, determine whether $\{\lambda(M_a(\theta)) \cap j\mathbf{R}\} = \phi$ holds for all $\theta \in \Theta_\delta^L := [-\delta, \delta]^L$.

As in the single-parameter cases, this problem can be assessed by seeking for a polynomial multiplier $P(\theta) : \mathbf{R}^L \rightarrow \mathbf{S}_n$ that satisfies

$$\text{He}\{P(\theta)M_a(\theta)\} \prec 0 \quad \forall \theta \in \Theta_\delta^L. \quad (21)$$

Similarly, if we restrict our attention to the finite-degree polynomial approximation $P_N(\theta)$, the problem again amounts to finite-dimensional semi-infinite problem. In stark contrast with the single-parameter cases, however, it is hard to derive finite-dimensional LMIs to ensure the existence of the desired $P_N(\theta)$ exactly, even though effective *asymptotically exact* relaxations are suggested in [24], [30]–[32].

To cope with this difficult situation, we make another effort so that we can obtain exactness verification tests that are consistent with the single parameter cases. To this end, let us consider the existence condition of $P_a(\theta) = P_0 + \sum_{i=1}^L \theta_i P_i$ that satisfies

$$\text{He}\{P_a(\theta)M_a(\theta)\} \prec 0 \quad \forall \theta \in \Theta_\delta^L. \quad (22)$$

Then, inspired by the (D, G) scaling [23], we are lead to the following LMI relaxation:

Find $P_i \in \mathbf{S}_n$ ($i = 0, \dots, L$), $D_i \in \mathbf{P}_n$ ($i = 1, \dots, L$), $G_{ij} \in \mathbf{S}_{kn}$ ($i = 0, \dots, L-1, j = i+1, \dots, L$) such that

$$\text{He} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} P_0 \\ P_1 \\ P_2 \\ \vdots \\ P_L \end{bmatrix} [M_0 \ M_1 \ M_2 \ \dots \ M_L] \right\} + \begin{bmatrix} \delta^2 D & G_{01} & \dots & \dots & G_{0L} \\ G_{01}^T & -D_1 & G_{12} & \dots & G_{1L} \\ G_{02}^T & G_{12}^T & -D_2 & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & G_{L-1,L} \\ G_{0L}^T & G_{1L}^T & \dots & G_{L-1,L}^T & -D_L \end{bmatrix} \prec 0 \quad (23)$$

where $D = \sum_{i=1}^L D_i$. It can be easily verified that this LMI is surely a sufficient condition for the existence of the desired $P_a(\theta)$. Indeed, if (23) holds, then multiplying $[I \ \theta_1 I \ \theta_2 I \ \dots \ \theta_L I]$ from left and its transpose from right, we have $\text{He}\{P_a(\theta)M_a(\theta)\} + \sum_{i=1}^L D_i (\delta^2 - \theta_i^2) \prec 0$ and hence (22) surely holds.

It should be noted that the second term in (23) with G_{ij} ($i \geq 1$) replaced by zeros appears in (D, G) scaling for repeated real scalar block problems [23]. In this standard (D, G) scaling, the correlation between the parameters θ_i and θ_j is not taken into account due to its inherent nature of the scalings. Once we have noticed that $\theta_i \theta_j I$ is also a real scalar block, it is quite natural to introduce a new variable G_{ij} ($i \geq 1$) and derive (23). Note that this rationale to introduce G_{ij} ($i \geq 1$) can also be explained along the lines of matrix SOS relaxations for robust LMI problems recently developed in [32]. Concrete discussions on the connections to [15], [22], [26] and [16], [30]–[32] are given after stating the main result of this subsection.

We emphasize that the introduction of $G_{ij} \in \mathbf{S}_{kn}$ ($i \geq 1$) does not allow us to remove the conservatism of the associated LMI relaxation completely. Nevertheless, this modification is significant in our dual LMI approach. This can be clearly seen from the dual LMI problem of (23) given as follows:

Find $\mathcal{H} \in \mathbf{S}_{(L+1)n} \setminus \{0\}$ such that

$$\mathcal{H} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{H}_{00} & \mathcal{H}_{01} & \mathcal{H}_{02} & \dots & \mathcal{H}_{0L} \\ \mathcal{H}_{01} & \mathcal{H}_{11} & & & \vdots \\ \mathcal{H}_{02} & & \ddots & & \mathcal{H}_{L-2,L} \\ \vdots & & & \mathcal{H}_{L-1,L-1} & \mathcal{H}_{L-1,L} \\ \mathcal{H}_{0L} & \dots & \mathcal{H}_{L-2,L} & \mathcal{H}_{L-1,L} & \mathcal{H}_{LL} \end{bmatrix} \succeq 0$$

$$\delta^2 \mathcal{H}_{00} - \mathcal{H}_{ii} \succeq 0 \quad (i = 1, \dots, L)$$

$$\text{He}\{[M_0 \dots M_L] \mathcal{H} I_{(L+1)n,n}^j\} = 0 \quad (j = 1, \dots, L+1). \quad (24)$$

Here, the matrix $I_{kn,n}^j \in \mathbf{R}^{kn \times n}$ is defined by $e_j \otimes I_n$ where e_j is the j -th standard basis of the k -dimensional Euclidean space.

In the dual problem (24), we see that the dual variable \mathcal{H} has the special block-matrix structure that is consistent with the moment matrix in [16], [22]. This is achieved by introducing $G_{ij} \in \mathbf{S}_{kn}$ ($i \geq 1$), which enforces symmetricity on \mathcal{H}_{ij} ($i = 1, \dots, L, j = i+1, \dots, L$) so that the block-moment matrix structure of \mathcal{H} has been completed. This fact, i.e., we can enforce the block-moment matrix structure on the dual variable \mathcal{H} , turns out to be the core to derive the desired rank condition for the exactness verification.

Theorem 5:

- i) Suppose (24) is infeasible. Then, $\{\lambda(M_a(\theta)) \cap j\mathbf{R}\} = \phi$ holds for all $\theta \in \Theta_\delta^L$.
- ii) Suppose (24) is feasible and has a solution \mathcal{H} . Then, if

$$\text{rank}(\mathcal{H}_{00}) = \text{rank}(\mathcal{H}) \quad (25)$$

there exists $\theta_w \in \Theta_\delta^L$ such that $\{\lambda(M_a(\theta_w)) \cap j\mathbf{R}\} \neq \phi$. More precisely, if we denote the full-rank factorization of \mathcal{H} by

$$\mathcal{H} = \begin{bmatrix} H_0 \\ \vdots \\ H_L \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} H_0 \\ \vdots \\ H_L \end{bmatrix}^T, \quad H_i \in \mathbf{R}^{n \times m} \quad (i = 0, \dots, L) \quad (26)$$

and define $\Omega_i := H_0^\dagger H_i$ ($i = 1, \dots, L$), then these matrices satisfy $\Omega_i \in \mathbf{S}_m$, $\lambda(\Omega_i) \subset \Theta_\delta$ ($i = 1, \dots, L$) and share all eigenvectors $u_k \in \mathbf{C}^m$ ($k = 1, \dots, m$) in common. In addition, if we denote by $\lambda_k(\Omega_i)$ the eigenvalue of Ω_i corresponding to the common eigenvector u_k , we have $\left\{ \lambda \left(M_0 + \sum_{i=1}^L \lambda_k(\Omega_i) M_i \right) \cap j\mathbf{R} \right\} \neq \phi$ for all $k = 1, \dots, m$.

- iii) If there exists $\theta_w \in \Theta_\delta^L$, then there exists $\mathcal{H} \in \mathbf{S}_{(L+1)n} \setminus \{0\}$ such that (24) and (25) hold.

The result i) follows from strict alternative, while the result iii) can be proved via similar arguments to that of Theorem 1. Thus, in the following, we will give the proof for ii), which states that if (25) is satisfied then we can easily extract the worst case perturbations by computing the eigenvalues of Ω_i ($i = 1, \dots, L$) associated with the common eigenvectors. Since basic strategies for the proof are already established in the single parameter cases, the proof can be done in a streamlined fashion.

Proof: It is obvious from the block-moment matrix structure of \mathcal{H} in (24) that H_i ($i = 1, \dots, L$) in (26) satisfy $H_i H_i^T \preceq \delta^2 H_0 H_0^T$ and $H_0 H_i^T = H_i H_0^T$. Thus Lemma 2 verifies the existence of $\Omega_i \in \mathbf{S}_m$ with $\|\Omega_i\| \leq \delta$ satisfying $H_i = H_0 \Omega_i$ ($i = 1, \dots, L$). In particular, the block-moment matrix structure of \mathcal{H} in (24) implies $H_0 \Omega_i \Omega_j H_0^T = H_0 \Omega_j \Omega_i H_0^T$ ($i, j = 1, \dots, L$). Since H_0 is of full-column rank from (25), we have $\Omega_i \Omega_j = \Omega_j \Omega_i$ ($i, j = 1, \dots, L$). On the other hand, we see that the last $L+1$ equalities in (24) ensures the existence of $\Gamma, \Gamma_i \in \mathbf{S}_m$ ($i = 1, \dots, L$) such that

$$[M_0 \ M_1 \ \dots \ M_L] \begin{bmatrix} H_0 \\ H_0 \Omega_1 \\ \vdots \\ H_L \Omega_L \end{bmatrix} = H_0 \Gamma$$

$$[M_0 \ M_1 \ \dots \ M_L] \begin{bmatrix} H_0 \\ H_0 \Omega_1 \\ \vdots \\ H_L \Omega_L \end{bmatrix} \Omega_i = H_0 \Gamma_i \quad (27)$$

where we applied Lemma 3 by noting again that H_0 is full-column rank. The above equalities clearly indicate $\Gamma\Omega_i = \Omega_i\Gamma$ ($i = 1, \dots, L$).

To summarize, we see that the family $\{\Gamma, \Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_L\}$ is a commuting family satisfying (27). Thus, from Lemma 1 and proper modifications of the proof of Theorem 1, the results in ii) readily follow. ■

The results in Theorem 5 should be examined in comparison with the preceding results on polynomial optimization [15], [22], [26] and LMI relaxation for robust LMI problems [16], [29]–[32]. We summarize important observations in the following remark.

Remark 1:

- 1) As already noted, the derivation of (23) can also be explained along the line of the matrix SOS relaxation for robust LMI problems recently developed in [32]. More precisely, it was shown in [32] that (22) holds if and only if there exist $\varepsilon > 0$ and SOS polynomial matrices $D_i(\theta)$ ($i = 1, \dots, L$) such that

$$-\text{He}\{P_a(\theta)M_a(\theta)\} - \sum_{i=1}^L D_i(\theta) (\delta^2 - \theta_i^2) - \varepsilon I_n \text{ is SOS.} \quad (28)$$

If we restrict the search of $D_i(\theta)$ ($i = 1, \dots, L$) to a finite-dimensional subspace, i.e., the space of SOS polynomial matrices with respect to a certain degree of monomial basis, we can reduce (28) into a finite-dimensional LMI problem [32]. The LMI (23) can be regarded as a particular case of this result where $D_i(\theta) = D_i$ ($i = 1, \dots, L$). Extension the results in theorem 5 to the cases where we employ higher-degree polynomial multipliers and SOS polynomial matrices $D_i(\theta)$ ($i = 1, \dots, L$) will be briefly discussed in Section IV-C.

- 2) The present approach is also closely related to [15], [22] and its matrix counterpart [16] that are known with the name of the theory of moments. Indeed, the structure of the dual variable \mathcal{H} in (24) is surely consistent with the moment matrix described in [16], [22]. Contrary to the approach in [26], it has been shown in [15], [22] that the latter dual approach is effective for the exactness verification and optimal solution extraction in polynomial optimization. This is indeed the case when we deal with with PMIs [16]. In particular, it is reported in [15], [16], [22] that, in most problem instances, we can verify exactness via LMI relaxations of small degree. These facts strongly supports our present results.
- 3) The effectiveness of parameter-dependent multipliers to achieve less conservative results is well-recognized [5], [7]. The present dual LMI approach has clarified its significance more concretely. Namely, if we restrict $P(\theta)$ to be constant in (21), the corresponding dual LMI becomes (24) with the last $L + 1$ equalities replaced by $\text{He}\{[M_0 \cdots M_L] \mathcal{H} I_{(L+1)n,n}^1\} = 0$. This mere single equality does not allow us to derive (25), and the condition for the exactness verification degrades to

$$\begin{aligned} \exists \theta \in \Theta_\delta \text{ such that} \\ \mathcal{H}_{ij} = \theta_i \theta_j \mathcal{H}_{00} \quad (i = 0, \dots, L, j = i, \dots, L) \\ \text{where } \theta_0 = 1. \end{aligned} \quad (29)$$

TABLE II
RESULTS FOR $n = 5$

L	N_{feas}	N_{rank}	time [sec]
2	100	94	0.4480
3	100	96	0.6430
4	100	98	0.7910
5	100	100	0.9596
6	100	100	1.5854
7	100	98	2.5476

TABLE III
RESULTS FOR $L = 2$

n	N_{feas}	N_{rank}	time [sec]
5	100	94	0.4480
6	100	93	0.5060
7	100	91	0.6456
8	100	92	0.8524
9	100	92	1.2741
10	100	91	1.4647

This condition is a simple generalization of (16) to the multiple parameter cases and thus closely related to the results in [30], [31]. Indeed, we can confirm that, by specializing the exactness verification test for general robust LMI problems shown in [30], [31] to (24), a linearized version of the condition (29) can be obtained. Obviously, if the condition (29) holds then (25) holds. It follows that, by means of the parameter-dependent multiplier $P_a(\theta)$, we can obtain the exactness verification test (25) that is more general than (29). In relation to this observation, we note that employing parameter-dependent multiplier $P_a(\theta)$ does not increase the decision variables in the dual LMI. It enforces more equality constraints on the dual variable \mathcal{H} while loosens the rank condition for the exactness verification so that, if the dual solution exists, the worst case perturbation detection can be highly expected.

We now illustrate the effectiveness of Theorem 5 via numerical experiments.

1) *Randomly Generated Matrices:* For $M_a(\theta) = M_0 + \sum_{i=1}^L \theta_i M_i$ with M_i randomly generated in the same way as in Section II-C and $\delta = 1$, we first examined how the suggested rank condition works effectively to detect the worst case perturbation. To obtain the results below, we solved the following problem expecting that the rank condition becomes more likely to be satisfied:

$$\text{minimize } \text{trace}(\mathcal{H}) \text{ subject to } (24) \text{ and } \text{trace}(\mathcal{H}_{00}) = 1. \quad (30)$$

Table II shows the results when we vary the number of the uncertain parameters L for fixed matrix size $n = 5$. On the other hand, Table III shows the results when we vary n for fixed $L = 2$. For each case, we generated 100 problem instances randomly, and in these tables N_{feas} denotes the number that (30) is identified to be feasible, N_{rank} the number that (25) is satisfied. We also show the average CPU time.

From these results, we could say that the suggested rank condition works effectively to ensure the exactness. On the other hand, it is hard to definitely conclude the computational complexity for solving (30) from these results. Nevertheless we could deduce that the computational complexity grows mildly with respect to both L and n (i.e., approximately linearly in n).

For more concrete illustration, let us consider $M(\theta) : \mathbf{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^{3 \times 3}$ described by

$$M(\theta) := \begin{bmatrix} -2.0 + \theta_1 & 0.4 + \theta_2 & -1.2 + \theta_1 \\ -1.2 + \theta_3 & -2.4 + \theta_4 & -0.4 + \theta_3 \\ -1.2 + \theta_1 & 0.4 + \theta_2 & -1.2 + \theta_1 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (31)$$

The matrix $M(0)$ is Hurwitz stable. To assess the robust stability of this matrix, we first solve (30) with $\delta = 1.0$. It turns out that (24) is identified to be feasible with CPU time 0.37 [sec], yielding $\text{rank}(\mathcal{H}_{00}) = \text{rank}(\mathcal{H}) = 2$ and the worst case perturbations

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_{w,1} &= [1.0000 \quad 0.4928 \quad 0.8928 \quad 0.2000]^T \\ \theta_{w,2} &= [1.0000 \quad -0.8928 \quad -0.4928 \quad 0.2000]^T. \end{aligned}$$

In this example, we can confirm that the resulting \mathcal{H} does not satisfy (29). This fact clearly illustrates the effectiveness of the suggested exactness verification test (25) over (29).

Next, aiming at computing the exact stability margin δ_{\max} defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_{\max} &:= \max \delta \quad \text{such that} \\ \{\lambda(M(\theta)) \cap j\mathbf{R}\} &= \emptyset \quad \forall \theta \in (-\delta, \delta)^L \end{aligned}$$

we carried out a bisection search over δ in (30). Then, the bisection search terminates at $\delta = 0.8444$, yielding $\text{rank}(\mathcal{H}_{00}) = \text{rank}(\mathcal{H}) = 2$ and the worst case perturbations

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_{w,1} &= [0.8444 \quad 0.8444 \quad 0.8444 \quad 0.8444]^T \\ \lambda(M(\theta_{w,1})) &= \{0.0000, -1.5333 \pm 0.4163j\} \\ \theta_{w,2} &= [0.8444 \quad -0.8444 \quad -0.8444 \quad 0.8444]^T \\ \lambda(M(\theta_{w,2})) &= \{0.0000, -0.4481, -2.6186\}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we can conclude $\delta_{\max} = 0.8444$ exactly. We note again the condition (29) does not hold for the resulting \mathcal{H} , whereas (25) does hold.

2) *Robust H_∞ Performance Analysis:* Let us consider the linear system described by $G_\theta(s) = \{A(\theta), B, C, 0\}$ where $B = C^T = [-0.3 \ -0.6 \ 0.4 \ 0.3]^T$, $A(\theta) = A_0 + \sum_{i=1}^3 \theta_i A_i$ and

$$\begin{aligned} A_0 &= \begin{bmatrix} -0.8 & 0.5 & -0.6 & -0.3 \\ 0.0 & -0.4 & 0.1 & -0.1 \\ 0.1 & 0.1 & -0.5 & -0.2 \\ 0.2 & 0.5 & -0.4 & -0.5 \end{bmatrix} \\ A_1 &= \begin{bmatrix} -0.9 & 0.5 & -0.5 & -0.3 \\ -0.2 & 0.1 & -0.1 & -0.6 \\ -0.4 & 0.3 & 0.5 & -0.1 \\ 0.6 & 0.5 & -0.3 & 0.2 \end{bmatrix} \\ A_2 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & -0.3 & -0.1 & 0.3 \\ 0.9 & -0.6 & -0.7 & -0.8 \\ 0.2 & -0.4 & -0.4 & -0.2 \\ 0.1 & -0.3 & 0.0 & -0.3 \end{bmatrix} \\ A_3 &= \begin{bmatrix} -0.2 & 0.1 & 0.0 & 0.3 \\ 0.3 & -0.2 & -0.6 & -0.5 \\ 0.2 & -0.6 & 0.4 & 0.4 \\ 0.8 & -0.1 & -0.3 & 0.2 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

We can confirm that A_0 is Hurwitz stable and the H_∞ norm of the nominal system (i.e., $G_0(s)$) is 0.9411. Our interest here is to compute the robust H_∞ performance margin $\delta_{\max} := \max \delta$ such that $\|G_\theta\|_\infty < \gamma$ holds for all $\theta \in (-\delta, \delta)^3$.

TABLE IV
ROBUST H_∞ PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

γ	δ_{\max}	θ_w^T	$\ G_{\theta_w}\ _\infty$
1.0	0.0543	[-0.0543 0.0543 -0.0542]	1.0000
2.0	0.1903	[-0.1903 -0.1903 -0.1903]	2.0000
4.0	0.1995	[-0.1839 -0.1995 -0.1995]	4.0003
6.0	0.2012	[-0.1831 -0.2012 -0.2012]	6.0013
8.0	0.2019	[-0.1830 -0.2019 -0.2019]	8.0027
10.0	0.2023	[-0.1830 -0.2023 -0.2023]	10.0045
20.0	0.2030	[-0.1831 -0.2030 -0.2030]	20.0328
∞	0.2036	[-0.1835 -0.2036 -0.2036]	-

Solving this problem by constructing a Hamiltonian matrix and carrying out a bisection search over δ in (30), we obtained the results summarized in Table IV. The bisection search terminates, yielding $\text{rank}(\mathcal{H}_{00}) = \text{rank}(\mathcal{H}) = 2$ for $\gamma = 1$ and $\text{rank}(\mathcal{H}_{00}) = \text{rank}(\mathcal{H}) = 1$ for the other cases. Thus the suggested rank condition works fine to detect the worst case perturbation and to confirm the exactness of the resulting performance margin. Note that in the table, the results in the row $\gamma = \infty$ are obtained when we simply carried out robust stability margin analysis. It can be seen that the worst case perturbation θ_w converges to the destabilizing perturbation by increasing γ .

B. Rational Parameter-Dependence

We next extend the preceding results to the case of rational parameter-dependence. Let us consider the rational function $M_r(\theta) : \mathbf{R}^L \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^{n \times n}$ described by the LFT form $M_r(\theta) = M_{11} + M_{12}(I_l - \Delta(\theta)M_{22})^{-1}\Delta(\theta)M_{21}$. We assume that $\Delta(\theta) : \mathbf{R}^L \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^{l \times l}$ ($l \geq L$) is of the form $\Delta(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^L \theta_i E_i$, where $E_i \in \mathbf{R}^{l \times l} \setminus \{0\}$ ($i = 1, \dots, L$) are given diagonal matrices whose diagonal entries are zero or one and satisfy $\sum_{i=1}^L E_i = I_l$. This structure is commonly adopted in the community of control theory. As in Section III, the problem we posed here it to determine whether $I - \Delta(\theta)M_{22}$ is nonsingular and $\{\lambda(M_r(\theta)) \cap j\mathbf{R}\} = \emptyset$ holds for all $\theta \in \Theta_\delta^L$.

Even though the description of $M_r(\theta)$ becomes rather complicated, basic ideas of LMI dilation in Section III and (modified) (D, G) scaling in Section IV-A can be applied to assess the existence of $P(\theta) : \Theta_\delta^L \rightarrow \mathbf{S}_n$ such that $\text{He}\{P(\theta)M_r(\theta)\} \prec 0$ ($\forall \theta \in \Theta_\delta^L$). In particular, by employing $P_a(\theta) = P_0 + \sum_{i=1}^L \theta_i P_i$, we can obtain the next two theorems.

Theorem 6: Let us consider the following LMI-LME with respect to $\mathcal{H} \in \mathbf{S}_{(L+1)(n+l)}$:

Find $\mathcal{H} \in \mathbf{S}_{(L+1)(n+l)} \setminus \{0\}$ such that

$$\mathcal{H} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{H}_{00} & \mathcal{H}_{01} & \mathcal{H}_{02} & \cdots & \mathcal{H}_{0L} \\ \mathcal{H}_{01} & \mathcal{H}_{11} & & & \vdots \\ \mathcal{H}_{02} & & \ddots & & \mathcal{H}_{L-2,L} \\ \vdots & & & \mathcal{H}_{L-1,L-1} & \mathcal{H}_{L-1,L} \\ \mathcal{H}_{0L} & \cdots & \mathcal{H}_{L-2,L} & \mathcal{H}_{L-1,L} & \mathcal{H}_{LL} \end{bmatrix} \succeq 0$$

$$\delta^2 \mathcal{H}_{00} - \mathcal{H}_{ii} \succeq 0 \quad (i = 1, \dots, L)$$

$$\text{He}\{[M_{11} - M_{12}]\mathcal{H}_{0j}[I_n \quad 0_{n,l}]\} = 0 \quad (j = 0, \dots, L)$$

$$\mathcal{W}\mathcal{H}\mathcal{W}^T = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{W} &:= [0_{l,n} \ I_l \ E_1 M_{21} - E_1 M_{22} \\ &\quad \dots \ E_L M_{21} - E_L M_{22}]. \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

- i) Suppose (32) is infeasible. Then, $I - \Delta(\theta)M_{22}$ is nonsingular and $\{\lambda(M_r(\theta)) \cap j\mathbf{R}\} = \phi$ holds for all $\theta \in \Theta_\delta^L$.
ii) Suppose (32) is feasible and has a solution \mathcal{H} . Then, if

$$\text{rank}(\langle \mathcal{H}_{00} \rangle^n) = \text{rank}(\mathcal{H}) \quad (33)$$

there exists $\theta_w \in \Theta_\delta^L$ such that $\det(I - \Delta(\theta_w)M_{22}) = 0$ or otherwise $\{\lambda(M_r(\theta_w)) \cap j\mathbf{R}\} \neq \phi$. More precisely, if we denote the full-rank factorization of \mathcal{H} by

$$\mathcal{H} = \begin{bmatrix} H_0 \\ \vdots \\ H_L \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} H_0 \\ \vdots \\ H_L \end{bmatrix}^T, \quad H_i \in \mathbf{R}^{(n+l) \times m} \quad (34)$$

and define $\Omega_i := ([H_0]^n)^\dagger [H_i]^n$ ($i = 1, \dots, L$), then these matrices satisfy $\Omega_i \in \mathbf{S}_m$, $\lambda(\Omega_i) \subset \Theta_\delta$ ($i = 1, \dots, L$) and share all eigenvectors $u_k \in \mathbf{C}^m$ ($k = 1, \dots, m$) in common. In addition, if we denote by $\lambda_k(\Omega_i)$ the eigenvalues of Ω_i corresponding to the common eigenvector u_k , we have

$$\det \left(I - \left(\sum_{i=1}^L \lambda_k(\Omega_i) E_i \right) M_{22} \right) = 0$$

or otherwise

$$\left\{ \lambda \left(M_{11} + M_{12} \left(I - \left(\sum_{i=1}^L \lambda_k(\Omega_i) E_i \right) M_{22} \right)^{-1} \times \left(\sum_{i=1}^L \lambda_k(\Omega_i) E_i \right) M_{21} \right) \cap j\mathbf{R} \right\} \neq \phi$$

for all $k = 1, \dots, m$.

- iii) If there exists $\theta_w \in \Theta_\delta$, then there exists $\mathcal{H} \in \mathbf{S}_{(L+1)(n+l)} \setminus \{0\}$ such that (32) and (33) hold.

Theorem 7: Suppose (32) is feasible and has a solution \mathcal{H} satisfying $\text{rank}(\mathcal{H}_{00}) = \text{rank}(\mathcal{H}) = m$. Let us denote the full-rank factorization of \mathcal{H} by (34). Then, if there exists $\Gamma \in \mathbf{S}_{k_m}$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} [M_{11} \quad M_{12}]H_0 &= [H_0]^n \Gamma \\ \Gamma \Omega_i &= \Omega_i \Gamma, \quad \Omega_i := H_0^\dagger H_i \in \mathbf{S}_m, \quad (i = 1, \dots, L) \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

these Ω_i ($i = 1, \dots, L$) satisfy exactly the same assertions in ii) of Theorem 6.

To avoid duplicated descriptions, we omit the formal proofs for these two theorems. Note that the proof for Theorem 6 can be established by applying those key ideas as LMI dilation, (modified) (D, G) scaling and convex duality theory to derive the dual LMI (32). Then, by making good use of the simultaneous diagonalizability property of commuting diagonalizable matrices and following close arguments to the proof of Theorem 3, we arrive at (33). It is also true that (33) provides a sufficient condition for the existence of $\Gamma \in \mathbf{S}_{k_m}$ satisfying (35). Thus, the exactness verification test in Theorem 7 is more general than Theorem 6, and this generalization is surely meaningful as illustrated in the following numerical examples:

1) **Robust Stability Analysis:** Let us consider the linear system described by

$$\dot{x} = M_{11}x + M_{12}w, \quad z = M_{21}x + M_{22}w, \quad w = \Delta(\theta)z \quad (36)$$

where

$$G(s) = \begin{bmatrix} M_{11} & M_{12} \\ M_{21} & M_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.5 & -0.5 & 0.0 & -0.3 & -0.3 & 0.5 & 0.0 & -0.3 & 0.0 \\ -0.6 & -1.0 & -0.6 & 0.2 & 0.8 & 0.0 & -0.3 & 0.8 & 0.0 \\ -0.3 & 0.3 & -0.7 & 0.6 & -0.6 & 0.9 & 0.1 & -0.1 & 0.0 \\ -0.6 & -0.4 & -0.6 & -0.6 & -0.1 & 0.0 & -0.4 & 0.2 & 0.0 \\ -0.4 & -0.4 & 0.2 & 0.3 & -1.1 & -0.1 & 0.4 & 0.3 & 0.0 \\ \hline -0.2 & -0.1 & 0.0 & -0.3 & -0.2 & 0.1 & 1.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 \\ -0.3 & -0.3 & 0.0 & 0.3 & -0.1 & -0.2 & 0.3 & 0.0 & 0.0 \\ 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 1.0 \\ 0.4 & 0.8 & -0.2 & -0.1 & 0.6 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Delta(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^2 \theta_i E_i, \quad E_1 = \text{diag}(I_2, 0_2) \quad E_2 = \text{diag}(0_2, I_2).$$

By noting that M_{11} is Hurwitz stable, our interest here is to compute the maximal value of δ , denoted by δ_{\max} , such that the feedback system (36) is well-posed and stable for all $\theta \in (-\delta, \delta)^2$. To this end, we carried out a bisection search over δ in the problem:

$$\text{minimize } \text{trace}(\mathcal{H}) \text{ subject to } (32) \text{ and } \text{trace}(\mathcal{H}_{00}) = 1. \quad (37)$$

Then, the bisection search terminates at $\delta = 0.9603$, yielding $\text{rank}(\mathcal{H}_{00}) = \text{rank}(\mathcal{H}) = 2$ whereas $\text{rank}(\langle \mathcal{H}_{00} \rangle^5) = 1$. Namely, the rank condition (33) in Theorem 6 does not hold. However, we can easily verify that the condition (35) in Theorem 7 is satisfied for $\Gamma = 0$. Therefore, the computed stability margin is surely exact, and we can detect the worst case perturbations as $(\lambda_1(\Omega_1), \lambda_1(\Omega_2)) = (-0.2330, 0.9603)$ and $(\lambda_2(\Omega_1), \lambda_2(\Omega_2)) = (-0.2330, -0.9603)$. We note that, in this example, the known condition (29) for the exactness verification also fails. As we have also observed in Sections II-C and IV-A, this typically occurs when there exist multiple worst case perturbations.

To examine the obtained result more carefully, we next computed the scaled H_∞ norm of the system $G(s)$ with the scaling $D = \text{diag}(D_1, D_2)$ ($D_1, D_2 \in \mathbf{P}_2$), which turned out to be 1.4078. Namely, the lower bound of δ_{\max} computed from the standard scaled H_∞ norm analysis is $1/1.4078 = 0.7103$. We see that this is far from the exact stability margin.

2) **Robust H_∞ Performance Analysis:** Let us again consider the linear system (14). Here we consider the H_∞ performance margin analysis problem with respect to the independent perturbations on ζ_2 and ω_2 , which are denoted by $\zeta_2(1 + \theta_1)$ and $\omega_2(1 + \theta_2)$. To solve this problem, we construct a Hamiltonian matrix and converted it into the LFT form. We skip the technical details of this transformation; the size of the resulting matrices are $M_{11} \in \mathbf{R}^{8 \times 8}$ and $M_{22} \in \mathbf{R}^{12 \times 12}$.

By carrying out a bisection search over δ in (37), we obtained the results summarized in Table V. For every tested γ , the bisection search terminates with \mathcal{H} satisfying $\text{rank}(\langle \mathcal{H}_{00} \rangle^8) = \text{rank}(\mathcal{H}) = 2$ and Ω_i are given of the form $\Omega_i = \theta_{wi} I_2$ ($i = 1, 2$). Thus, we can conclude that the computed performance margins are surely exact.

C. Relaxation With Higher Degree Polynomial Multipliers

Before closing this section, we briefly discuss the extension of the results in Theorems 5 and 6 along the line of the matrix SOS relaxations for robust LMI problems [32].

TABLE V
ROBUST H_∞ PERFORMANCE MARGIN ANALYSIS

γ	δ_{\max}	θ_w^T	$\ G_{\theta_w}\ _\infty$
3.0	0.5174	[-0.5174 -0.5174]	3.0000
4.0	0.6610	[-0.6610 -0.6357]	4.0000
5.0	0.7354	[-0.7354 -0.6552]	5.0000
6.0	0.7821	[-0.7821 -0.6639]	6.0000
7.0	0.8145	[-0.8145 -0.6687]	7.0000

For concrete illustration, let us revisit the infinite-dimensional robust LMI (21). Its finite-dimensional counterpart, in the spirit of [32], is given as follows:

Find $P_{N_1}(\theta) : \mathbf{R}^L \rightarrow \mathbf{S}_n$ and $D_i(\theta) \in \mathcal{D}_{N_2}$ ($i = 1, \dots, L$) such that

$$-\text{He}\{P_{N_1}(\theta)M_a(\theta)\} - \sum_{i=1}^L D_i(\theta)(\delta^2 - \theta_i^2) - \varepsilon I_n \text{ is SOS. (38)}$$

Here, $P_{N_1}(\theta)$ is a polynomial matrix with monomials of total degree up to N_1 . On the other hand, \mathcal{D}_{N_2} is the space of SOS polynomial matrices with respect to the monomial basis constructed from all monomials of total degree up to N_2 . For example, in the case where $L = 2$, $N_1 = 2$ and $N_2 = 1$, those matrices $P_2(\theta)$ and $D_i(\theta)$ ($i = 1, 2$) are given in the following form:

$$P_2(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} I_n \\ \theta_1 I_n \\ \theta_2 I_n \end{bmatrix}^T \hat{P}_2 \begin{bmatrix} I_n \\ \theta_1 I_n \\ \theta_2 I_n \end{bmatrix}, \quad \hat{P}_2 \in \mathbf{S}_{3n}$$

$$D_i(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} I_n \\ \theta_1 I_n \\ \theta_2 I_n \end{bmatrix}^T \hat{D}_i \begin{bmatrix} I_n \\ \theta_1 I_n \\ \theta_2 I_n \end{bmatrix}, \quad \hat{D}_i \in \mathbf{P}_{3n}.$$

The problem (38) can be reduced to a finite-dimensional LMI as we have done for $N_1 = 1$ and $N_2 = 0$ around (23) and (28). In addition, its dual LMI readily follows as in (24).

Our goal here is to derive an exactness verification test that is uniformly applicable to the general cases $N_1 \geq 1$ and $N_2 \geq 0$. To this end, we first clarify a common property of dual LMIs obtained in these cases. To see this, let us consider the case where $L = 2$, $N_1 = 2$ and $N_2 = 1$ in (38). Then, the corresponding dual LMI is given as follows:

Find $\mathcal{Y} \in \mathbf{S}_{6n} \setminus \{0\}$ such that

$$\mathcal{Y} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{Y}_{00} & \mathcal{Y}_{10} & \mathcal{Y}_{01} & \mathcal{Y}_{20} & \mathcal{Y}_{11} & \mathcal{Y}_{02} \\ \mathcal{Y}_{10} & \mathcal{Y}_{20} & \mathcal{Y}_{11} & \mathcal{Y}_{30} & \mathcal{Y}_{21} & \mathcal{Y}_{12} \\ \mathcal{Y}_{01} & \mathcal{Y}_{11} & \mathcal{Y}_{02} & \mathcal{Y}_{21} & \mathcal{Y}_{12} & \mathcal{Y}_{03} \\ \mathcal{Y}_{20} & \mathcal{Y}_{30} & \mathcal{Y}_{21} & \mathcal{Y}_{40} & \mathcal{Y}_{31} & \mathcal{Y}_{22} \\ \mathcal{Y}_{11} & \mathcal{Y}_{21} & \mathcal{Y}_{12} & \mathcal{Y}_{31} & \mathcal{Y}_{22} & \mathcal{Y}_{13} \\ \mathcal{Y}_{02} & \mathcal{Y}_{12} & \mathcal{Y}_{03} & \mathcal{Y}_{22} & \mathcal{Y}_{13} & \mathcal{Y}_{04} \end{bmatrix} \succeq 0$$

$$\delta^2 \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{Y}_{00} & \mathcal{Y}_{10} & \mathcal{Y}_{01} \\ \mathcal{Y}_{10} & \mathcal{Y}_{20} & \mathcal{Y}_{11} \\ \mathcal{Y}_{01} & \mathcal{Y}_{11} & \mathcal{Y}_{02} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{Y}_{20} & \mathcal{Y}_{30} & \mathcal{Y}_{21} \\ \mathcal{Y}_{30} & \mathcal{Y}_{40} & \mathcal{Y}_{31} \\ \mathcal{Y}_{21} & \mathcal{Y}_{31} & \mathcal{Y}_{22} \end{bmatrix} \succeq 0,$$

$$\delta^2 \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{Y}_{00} & \mathcal{Y}_{10} & \mathcal{Y}_{01} \\ \mathcal{Y}_{10} & \mathcal{Y}_{20} & \mathcal{Y}_{11} \\ \mathcal{Y}_{01} & \mathcal{Y}_{11} & \mathcal{Y}_{02} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{Y}_{02} & \mathcal{Y}_{12} & \mathcal{Y}_{03} \\ \mathcal{Y}_{12} & \mathcal{Y}_{22} & \mathcal{Y}_{13} \\ \mathcal{Y}_{03} & \mathcal{Y}_{13} & \mathcal{Y}_{04} \end{bmatrix} \succeq 0$$

$$\text{He}\{[M_0 \ M_1 \ M_2 \ 0_{n,3n}] \mathcal{Y} I_{6n,n}^j\} = 0 \ (j = 1, \dots, 6). \quad (39)$$

We omit the technical details for the derivation of this dual LMI. Note here that we have changed the way to put subscripts for

each variables by following the description of the moment matrix in [16], [22].

From the structure of (39) and (24), it can be readily seen that if \mathcal{Y} satisfies (39), then (24) is satisfied by $\mathcal{H} = \langle \mathcal{Y} \rangle^{3n}$. More importantly, we can confirm that this property holds irrespective of L , N_1 and N_2 , i.e., if we denote by \mathcal{Y} the solution of the dual LMI corresponding to (38) with $N_1 \geq 1$ and $N_2 \geq 0$, then (24) is satisfied by

$$\mathcal{H} = \langle \mathcal{Y} \rangle^{(L+1)n}. \quad (40)$$

Thus, from (40) and Theorem 5, it is obvious that a sufficient rank condition that is uniformly applicable for the exactness verification is given by $\text{rank}(\langle \mathcal{Y} \rangle^n) = \text{rank}(\langle \mathcal{Y} \rangle^{(L+1)n})$. In view of the fact that we can construct a hierarchy of LMI relaxations by increasing both N_1 and N_2 and the associated conservatism vanishes eventually [32], the result (40) should be of great importance.

Note however that the dual LMI corresponding to the higher-degree polynomial multipliers as in (39) is computationally demanding and its computational burden may become prohibitive even when we deal with rather small number of uncertain parameters. Since extensive numerical experiments in this paper illustrate that those (relatively concise) dual LMIs in Theorems 1 and 3 with $N = 1$ and Theorems 5 and 6 corresponding to the first degree multiplier work effectively in most problem instances, we should first try these dual LMIs to extract exactness. From practical point of view, what is needed is to ensure the exactness of the analysis results at hand and in this respect, we believe that the results in this paper are useful certainly in a practical sense.

V. CONCLUSION

In this paper, we explored a dual LMI approach for robust performance analysis of linear systems affected by real parametric uncertainties. Particular emphasis has been laid upon the exactness verification and the worst case perturbation extraction. Observing analogies with the recent results on the polynomial optimization by means of the sum-of-squares relaxations, we have derived sound rank conditions for the exactness verification. Practical usefulness of the suggested rank condition has been fully illustrated through extensive numerical experiments.

APPENDIX

PROOF OF LEMMA 2: The assertion readily follows from Lemma 5 of [19]. To see this, let us note that the condition i) can be rewritten, equivalently as follows:

$$GG^T \preceq (jF)(jF)^* \text{ and } (jF)G^T + G(jF)^* = 0.$$

It follows from Lemma 5 of [19] that the above conditions hold if and only if there exists a skew-symmetric Hermitian Υ with $\|\Upsilon\| \leq 1$ such that $G = jF\Upsilon$. By letting $\Omega = \text{Re}(j\Upsilon)$, the conditions in ii) readily hold.

PROOF OF LEMMA 3: It is apparent that ii) implies i). To prove that i) implies ii), let us define the nonsingular matrix $T := [F^{\dagger T} F^{\perp T}]^T$. Then, we have

$$T(FG^T + GF^T)T^T = \begin{bmatrix} \text{He}\{G^T F^{\dagger T}\} & G^T F^{\perp T} \\ F^{\perp T} G & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

It follows from i) that $F^\perp G = 0$ and thus we have $G = FT$ for some $\Gamma \in \mathbf{R}^{m \times m}$. Since i) holds and since F is full-column rank, this Γ obviously satisfy $\Gamma \in \mathbf{S}k_m$.

PROOF OF THEOREM 2: The first part is obvious from the block-Hankel matrix structure of the dual variable and hence we will prove the second part only. Obviously it suffices to show that the assertion holds for $N_2 = N_1 + 2$.

From the underlying assumption and the proof of Theorem 1, there exist $\Gamma, \Gamma_1 \in \mathbf{S}k_m$ that satisfy (6) and (7) for given H_0 and Ω for $N = N_1$. With this in mind, we show that $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_H^{N_1+2}(H_0, \Omega)$ surely satisfies (3) and (4) for $N = N_1 + 2$. Note that, since this matrix \mathcal{H} has a conformable block-Hankel matrix structure and since (6) and (7) are satisfied, all we have to prove is that the next two equalities are satisfied:

$$\text{He} \{ (M_0 H_0 + M_1 H_0 \Omega) \Omega^{N_1+1} H_0^T \} = 0 \quad (41)$$

$$\text{He} \{ (M_0 H_0 + M_1 H_0 \Omega) \Omega^{N_1+2} H_0^T \} = 0. \quad (42)$$

To prove (41), recall that $\{\Omega, \Gamma\}$ is a commuting family. Hence, we have from (6) that

$$\begin{aligned} (M_0 H_0 + M_1 H_0 \Omega) \Omega^{N_1+1} &= H_0 \Omega^{(N_1-1)/2} \Gamma \Omega^{(N_1+3)/2} \\ &= H_0 \Omega^{(N_1+1)/2} \Gamma \Omega^{(N_1+1)/2} \end{aligned}$$

which clearly shows that (41) holds. On the other hand, to prove (42), it is important to note that (6) and (7) imply $\Gamma_1 \Omega = \Gamma \Omega^2 = \Omega \Gamma \Omega \in \mathbf{S}k_m$. Thus, $\Gamma_1 \Omega = \Omega \Gamma_1$ holds. It follows from (7) that

$$\begin{aligned} (M_0 H_0 + M_1 H_0 \Omega) \Omega^{N_1+2} &= H_0 \Omega^{(N_1-1)/2} \Gamma_1 \Omega^{(N_1+3)/2} \\ &= H_0 \Omega^{(N_1+1)/2} \Gamma_1 \Omega^{(N_1+1)/2} \end{aligned}$$

which implies (42). This completes the proof.

PROOF OF THEOREM 3: We first note that (18) corresponds to the dual of the LMI for the existence of $P_N(\theta)$ satisfying (17). Thus, the strict alternative ensures i). It should be elementary to confirm iii). Therefore only the proof for ii) is given in following.

As in the proof of Theorem 1, the block-Hankel matrix structure of \mathcal{H} in (18) ensures the existence of $H_0 \in \mathbf{R}^{(n+l) \times m}$ and $\Omega \in \mathbf{S}_m$ with $\|\Omega\| \leq \delta$ such that $H = [H_0^T \quad \Omega H_0^T \quad \dots \quad \Omega^{(N+1)/2} H_0^T]^T$. This, as well as the last equality in (18) implies

$$[H_0]_l + M_{21} [H_0]^n \Omega - M_{22} [H_0]_l \Omega = 0. \quad (43)$$

The $N+1$ equalities with respect to \mathcal{H}_j ($j = 0, \dots, N$) in (18) can also be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} \text{He} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} [M_{11} - M_{12}] H_0 \\ \vdots \\ [M_{11} - M_{12}] H_0 \Omega^{(N-1)/2} \end{bmatrix} \Omega^k \right. \\ \left. \times \begin{bmatrix} [H_0]^n \\ \vdots \\ [H_0]^n \Omega^{(N-1)/2} \end{bmatrix}^T \right\} = 0 \quad (k = 0, 1). \end{aligned}$$

Since $[(H_0)^n]^T \dots \Omega^{(N-1)/2} [(H_0)^n]^T]^T = V_N \bar{H}$ is of full-column rank from (19), it follows that there exists $\Gamma \in \mathbf{S}k_m$ such that

$$[M_{11} \quad -M_{12}] H_0 = [H_0]^n \Gamma, \quad \Gamma \Omega = \Omega \Gamma. \quad (44)$$

To complete the proof, let us denote by $u_k \in \mathbf{C}^m$ ($k = 1, \dots, m$) the common eigenvectors of Ω and Γ . Then, for each u_k , we see from (43) that

$$\begin{aligned} (I - \lambda_k(\Omega) M_{22}) [H_0]_l u_k + \lambda_k(\Omega) M_{21} [H_0]^n u_k &= 0 \\ \lambda_k(\Omega) &\in \Theta_\delta. \end{aligned}$$

If $(I - \lambda_k(\Omega) M_{22})$ is singular, we arrive at the desired conclusion. On the other hand, if $(I - \lambda_k(\Omega) M_{22})$ is nonsingular, we have

$$[H_0]_l u_k = -(I - \lambda_k(\Omega) M_{22})^{-1} \lambda_k(\Omega) M_{21} [H_0]^n u_k. \quad (45)$$

In addition, we see from the first equality in (44) that the following condition holds:

$$[M_{11} \quad -M_{12}] H_0 u_k = \lambda_{\Gamma,k} [H_0]^n u_k, \quad \lambda_{\Gamma,k} \in j\mathbf{R}. \quad (46)$$

It follows from (45) and (46) that

$$\begin{aligned} (M_{11} + M_{12} (I - \lambda_k(\Omega) M_{22})^{-1} \lambda_k(\Omega) M_{21}) [H_0]^n u_k \\ = \lambda_{\Gamma,k} [H_0]^n u_k. \end{aligned}$$

By observing that the $[H_0]^n u_k \neq 0$ due to the fact that $[(H_0)^n]^T \dots \Omega^{(N-1)/2} [(H_0)^n]^T]^T = V_N \bar{H}$ is of full-column rank, the proof is completed.

PROOF OF THEOREM 4: By noting that the feasibility of (20) ensures (44), the assertion readily follows from the above proof for Theorem 3.

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